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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Korie H. Chan

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

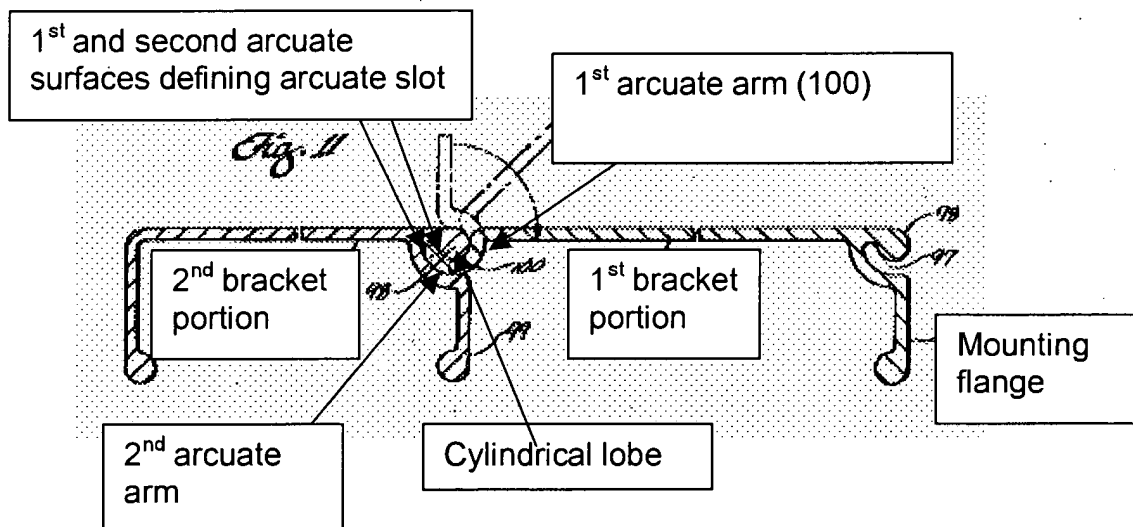
- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs (US patent no. 5,605,238). Jacobs disclosed all the claimed features of applicant's invention as illustrated below.



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vallett (128,569) in view of Jacobs (US patent no. 5,605,238). Vallett discloses all the claimed features of applicant's invention as illustrated in the previous Office action except for having an alignment lobe having a first arcuate surface being parallel to a second arcuate surface of an arcuate arm to define arcuate slot for slidingly receive a first arcuate arm. Jacobs teaches a bracket assembly comprising an alignment lobe having a first arcuate surface being parallel to a second arcuate surface

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of an arcuate arm to define arcuate slot for slidably receive a first arcuate arm (see illustration above) to prevent translation of the slot or bracket in any direction relative to the forward slot or bracket (Col. 8, lines 1-2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modify the bracket portions engagement of Vallet with an alignment lobe having a first arcuate surface being parallel to a second arcuate surface of an arcuate arm to define arcuate slot for slidably receive a first arcuate arm to prevent translation of the bracket portions in any direction as taught to be desirable by Jacobs.

Claims 3 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vallett (128,569) in view of Jacobs (US patent no. 5,605,238) as applied to claims 1 and 6 above, and further in view of Tobias (US patent no. 2,833,608). Vallett and Jacobs combined disclosed all the claimed features of applicant's invention except for providing height adjustable leg with first and second lock. To providing an height adjustable leg in a table to maintain a leveled table surface on irregular surfaces are conventional and well-known Tobias teaches a table top assembly having a height adjustable leg (15) via a set screw (20) having a first lock (21) to couple the leg parallel to the table top and a second lock (16) to couple the leg perpendicular to the table top. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modify the legs of Vallet and Jacobs combined such that they are height adjustable with locking means as taught by Tobias so as to maintain a desired height for the table.

Claims 20-22 are allowed.

Claims 5 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to pending claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-6816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached on 571-272-6815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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